

REMARKS:

I. Introduction

In the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2006, the Examiner objected to claims 6, 9 and 17 and allowed claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 to 16, and 18 to 25. The present amendment cancels no claims, amends claims 6, 9 and 17, and adds no new claims. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 6 to 11, and 14 to 25 remain pending in this application.

II Claim objections

The Examiner objected to claims 6, 9, and 17 due to informalities. The informalities cited by the examiner have been corrected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested,

III. Allowed claims

Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner allowed claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 to 16, and 18 to 25.

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application. If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-2326.

Respectfully submitted,



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